



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

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Ward 3 – Drowning – 2700 Block of North Haskell Drive

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Dispatch Time – 1840

On-Scene Time – 1844

A 3-year-old boy was found at the bottom of an above-ground pool at his friend's house this afternoon. His family was visiting from out of town. There were approximately 7 adults and 15 children at the home at the time. They appeared to be in a safe area and there was a barrier around the pool. The boy had been missing for approximately 5 minutes. He was pulled from the pool and paramedics transported him to a hospital where he died. This is the sixth drowning in Pima County this year. There have also been 14 near drowning incidents.

Safety Message: Many drowning incidents occur when a child was last seen in a safe area around the home. That is the case with 5 of the past 6 cases we have seen this year.

Create layers of protection by following the **ABC**'s.

Adult Supervision – This is the first layer of protection. There is no substitute.

Barriers – Pool alarms or perimeter fencing. Ensure the barriers are in proper working order.

Classes – CPR and Swimming Lessons - It takes firefighters 4 to 6 minutes to arrive on the scene. CPR conducted during that critical time could save a life!